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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR JAN BREWER

"Today, I have signed defining legislation, SB 1001, that fortifies the State of Arizona's ability to defend the rights of Arizona citizens – rights that today are under direct assault by the federal government through its oppressive and unfunded health care mandates. I intend to fight those mandates with every tool at my disposal, and I thank members of the Arizona House and Senate for providing me the support and clarity we need, as Arizona joins this bipartisan battle with at least 14 other states.

"I have received an offer of no-cost legal counsel that I will be very seriously considering. I do feel strongly that defending the rights of Arizonans is tremendously important. Concern over cost is valid, and I share that concern. I am particularly alarmed that Washington imposes a mandate for state spending of billions of dollars but does not provide the funding to pay for it. Unlike Washington, Arizona must adopt a budget we can afford.

"Leadership demands strong and decisive action against federal intrusion and violations of the 10th Amendment, and that action begins today. This is not the time for indecision or political gamesmanship by the Arizona Attorney General. This is the time for vigorously defending our constitutional rights – and with this legislation, I intend to seize it, and make this the moment when Arizona, once again, stands tall and strong."

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